

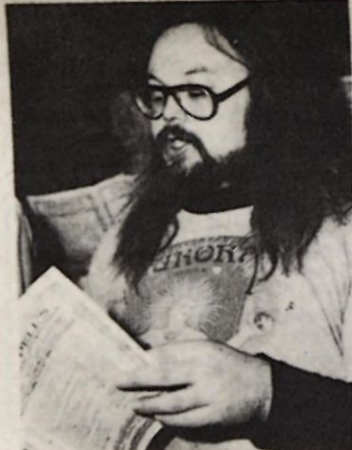
Merry Christmas

the Forum

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Prof. Grace Mayberry rehearses chorus for Friday Christmas program. Chorus members give their best effort.
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Christmas Party December 18

By LOUISE BOUCHER

A Christmas party for students and faculty of GCC will be sponsored by Student Activities on December 18 at 11:30 a.m. in Central Lounge. The Chorus will provide entertainment and lead a carol sing-a-long. There will be cookies and punch on hand.

Cindy Morse and Sue Tuttle will sing a duet, "Silver Bells," with Mark Morrison's flute accompaniment. The Madrigal Singers will sing several Renaissance arrangements.

The Chorus's selections will include Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus, two Bach chorales, Sing We and Chant It, a madrigal by Thomas Morely, a seventeenth century carol, an English carol and an Appalachian carol.

Union Vote Counted Friday

An election conducted by the State Labor Relations Commission was held at Greenfield Community College Monday, Dec. 15th.

Notice of the election was received by college officials last week in a memo from the

Commission. The purpose of the election, according to the memo, was "to determine whether or not certain employees of the Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges desire to be represented for the purposes of collective bargaining." Collec-

tive bargaining agents appearing on the ballot, according to the memo, will be the Massachusetts Federation of Teachers, AFT, AFL-CIO, The Massachusetts Teachers' Association-Massachusetts Community College Council or Associated Community Colleges Faculty.

Those eligible to vote, according to the memo, were "all full-time professional faculty personnel and academic support personnel including but not limited to instructors, assistant professors, associate professors, full professors, assistant librarians, catalogers, counselors, admissions officers, financial aid officers, placement officers, health care officers, coaches, department chairmen, division chairmen, program coordinators and coordinators of audio-visual TV services. Excluded are presidents, deans, assistants to presidents, assistants to deans, head librarians, registrars and all managerial and confidential employees."

Other community colleges voting on Monday were Berkshire, Springfield Technical and Holyoke.

According to the memo, ballots will be counted in Boston on Friday, December 19th.

Also voting at the same time will be clerical-technical and maintenance-custodial employees of the college. According to the memo, the election for clerical-technical employees was between the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO or the Massachusetts State Employees Association. The election for the maintenance-custodial employee was between the Massachusetts State Employees Association, Maintenance Trades Council of New England or the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO.

All persons voting in the election had the choice of voting for no union, according to the memorandum.

Union Says It Fights For Faculty

By PEG TOBIN

In August, without advance notice, 18 faculty members at North Shore, Quinsigamond, Middlesex, and Greenfield Community Colleges were terminated, in violation of the rules and regulations of the Board of Regional Community Colleges (BRCC) and the interim budget of the Massachusetts legislature.

UNION

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Advisory Board Meets

By CINDY NEWMAN

The December meeting of the GCC Advisory Board was held on Thursday, Dec. 4 in the President's conference room. Eleven of the members attended including two new members: Dawn Peters, a '69 graduate of GCC and Jane Luck.

First and foremost on the agenda was a discussion of the budget. President Lewis Turner stated that GCC's budget was at 92.4 per cent of last year's funding level. This will enable the school to finish out the year without any more layoffs. However, they will be unable to retain unneeded part-time faculty and employees whose CETA funding runs out. This leaves GCC minus 19 positions which they would "like to restore, but the word from Boston is more cuts," according to Turner.

Board member Mort Slavin questioned whether the state legislature rewards schools for their wise handling of the budget cutbacks, to which Turner remarked "This year they certainly didn't."

One observer inquired if the administration was worried about losing the school's fiscal autonomy. Dean of Administration Robert Gailey ex-

plained that the school is already fiscally dependent on the legislature so the term fiscal autonomy is misleading. The administration is required to have each open position approved by the legislature before they can hire anyone, a practice which is illegal.

On the question of a tuition hike, Turner said he feels "the Board of Trustees will be pressured into it." With state colleges recent increase to \$500 a year, they pay the largest percentage of cost for their education, but if the community colleges increase tuition to \$400 a year, we will be paying the most. The universities still pay the least of all schools. Turner further commented, "I do not think we can maintain our present level of enrollment and still reduce expenditures. A tuition increase may eliminate potential students who can't pay the additional cost."

Ward Hunting, a UMass professor on the Board, added that community college transfers to the University are in jeopardy because of the cutbacks.

Another point of discussion was the teacher overload resulting from budget crunch. Turner pointed out that the normal teaching load is 12 hours per week per teacher, but at present teachers in business and humanities are teaching over 15 hours, with natural and behavioral sciences faculty teaching over 19 hours apiece.

David Harvey, GCC faculty representative, feels that "the overload affects the amount of time available to give extra-help to students; help they need and deserve. Most teaching takes place on a one-to-one level."

"The morale at GCC has been better than most schools, but faculty are fast becoming apprehensive," Harvey said. The result of this and other factors is that on December 15th the faculty will be voting to select a union to represent them in collective bargaining. While Turner "won't be surprised if it's carried," Harvey feels, "The faculty is expecting miracles, and when they don't come; all I see is chaos."

Nobody seemed to have an answer when President Turner asked frankly, "How do you run a first rate educational institution with a mediocre budget?"

Second Transfer Day Held

By GREG GERARDE

December 9 the last transfer day of the semester was held in the rear of the cafeteria.

Many private college representatives from all of the New England States at G.C.C. were answering questions and showing catalogs to interested students. The weather kept some students and representatives home but the majority came and answered questions. During the busy hour people could be seen at each table waiting for a catalog or waiting to have a question answered.

This was the second transfer day of the semester with state college representatives visiting G.C.C. on November 13 and both were greeted with much interest. The idea to bring the colleges to G.C.C. for students to look at is one more benefit that the transfer office and administrator brings to the college and students.

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Robert Baker — State Board

Statewide elections for a collective bargaining unit to represent all community colleges in Mass. were held December 15. Robert Baker of the Board of Regional Community Colleges (BRCC) visited GCC on this day to assist in conducting elections here and to ensure that everything was run properly and fairly. Assisting Baker were Martha Massey and Betty Ballou, two administrative secretaries at GCC. Their job was to check each voter and certify that each were proper employees.

Not everyone at GCC was allowed to vote. Certain employees are considered management personnel and are ineligible to join a union. This includes all administrators and people paid through non-state appropriated funds.

Baker, who is the head of negotiations with collective bargaining units for the BRCC, was kind enough to share some personal thoughts with the Forum on some aspects of higher education.

Interviewer: What is your opinion of the way GCC handled the recent budget cuts?

Baker: I sat on the Board through all the meetings and I know for a fact that the administration did not act arbitrarily. Considering the short amount of time they had between the notification of the cuts and the beginning of school, the Board feels they exercised admirable qualities of judgement. Also, weighing the quality of instructors they had to let go (and they were not undesirable) speaks well for the very high quality of all the faculty here at GCC. Personally, we are being taken to court over this and it is one case that we would not mind losing. As long as the legislature orders the funds appropriated, we would be more than happy to hire these people back.

Interviewer: Are you also involved in a court case now with a Mount Wachusett professor who was fired because of union affiliations?

Baker: Yes, but that is a different situation. We are fighting that case. Mr. Kessy (the instructor in question) was not an outstanding teacher. He was up for tenure and when we reviewed his records from over the past five years, we found him to be questionable and he was not granted tenure but instead we let him go. Tenure is a lifetime appointment and we were not sure enough of Mr. Kessy to make this important of a commitment.

Interviewer: What is your personal opinion of the unions?

Baker: In light of the budget factor, it seems the only way teachers will get a raise is to join the unions. I am concerned however whether the unionized decision-making will affect the tripartite governance of the community college (i.e. students, instructors, and administration all participate to some degree in decision-making.) The unions may disturb that system. Also, student activities could be curtailed to some degree. We hope that the colleges will not allow this to happen.

Three community colleges (Bristol, Massasoit, and Mount Wachusett) have already negotiated contacts with the MTA, but to this point, the unions have done nothing for these schools in the way of pay raises. I guess it is all a matter of time. Still, I don't care by which vehicle these proposals reach Boston, the money still has to be appropriated by the legislature. Already, three teachers unions are lobbying in the legislature against the budget cuts, and it seems they do not have much effort.

Interviewer: Do you enjoy negotiating with collective bargaining units?

Baker: Not especially... It's kind of like watching grass grow.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

Winter's cold is an undeniable reality of New England's weather. Greenfield is no exception; every winter brings at least 3 or 4 major snow and ice storms.

With the population of Greenfield Community College commuting, the snow and ice create hazardous driving (and pedestrian traffic) conditions. A pertinent example of this is College Drive leading to G.C.C. There is no space for people to walk. If someone fell while walking along College Drive, there is the very real potential of them getting hit by an oncoming car. This hazard is very real and we, as senators, are concerned with the lack of provisions made for people attending G.C.C.

If you have any thoughts you would like to share, concerning this, please drop us a note in the Student Senate's mailbox (located in the Student Activities Office). We would like to have feedback from the people we're here to serve.

Grover Ballou, Student Senator
George Tobin, Jr., Student Senator

Administration Christmas List

By PEG TOBIN

Christmas is almost upon us, and Santa Claus is at all the shopping centers asking little children what they would like for Christmas. Parents, relatives, and friends are probing to find out what you really need or want to make their Christmas shopping a little easier.

I decided to do a little shopping around myself by asking some of our faculty and administration what they would like for Christmas for the college.

President Turner replied that "all of our problems circle around money. The whole budget process seems to be unending. The state tells us how much money we can spend. We are supposed to be doing everything we've been doing on less money. I'd settle for Santa Claus to give us an endowment of one million dollars."

Dean Gailey said, "I would ask for equity in the allocation of resources from the state, so Greenfield Community College would get its fair share of funds available to support higher education."

Dean Padgug's answer was simple and to the point: "I would like a budget miracle."

Dean Gainty asked for something a little different. He expressed that he would like "a quickening, a refreshment of the spirit that has made Greenfield Community College a growth and development opportunity for all who work and study here."

Mrs. Case replied, "I would like a community services building, where all kinds of interesting community needs could be satisfied, such as a lodge, gym facilities, and so on, so that the college and community could be so intertwined that it would be hard to distinguish between the college and the community." She also said "if somehow somebody could give me a needs analysis, so that I would know exactly what everyone wanted in terms of college services."

Who knows, maybe Santa Claus would make an extra stop and drop all these things off on his way back to the North Pole.

Senate Agonizes; Suggests Sidewalk

By CINDY NEWMAN

The Student Senate met on December 11 at a special meeting. Their purpose was to assess their accomplishments to date and to decide on future endeavors.

The nearly unanimous feeling of everyone present was that nothing has been done of any great importance up to now. President Skip Weld inquired of the meeting, "What can we do to change this?" And the answers started coming.

The general consensus was the obvious lack of communication between students and student government contribution to the apparent apathy of the student body. Possible solutions sug-

gested were an issues board, circulating the minutes of Senate meetings, and a suggestion box. But the idea that received the biggest approval was for a Meet-Your-Senator Day to be held in the student Activities Office.

All students will be invited for refreshments and conversation in an effort to acquaint them with their elected representatives. The senators will be present all day to answer questions and receive any suggestions students may offer. The tentative date is scheduled for the second week of spring semester.

Other issues for future action are a petition in favor of rescheduling our present school calendar. The Senate proposed changes to provide the students with one full month off for mid-year break and to have the spring semester end earlier in May.

Finally, the Senate is making plans to petition the college to install a sidewalk-bike path running the length of College Drive. Many students find this road hazardous to travel on foot or bicycle, particularly in winter.

Many good ideas, you must admit. Let's hope we see some action.

The flight of the USS Enterprise has kept many glued to the television set watching "Star Trek". They have followed the adventures of Kirk, Spock, McCoy, and Scotty for years, even though the filming stopped in 1969. But, just because the filming has stopped that does not mean that the followers have sat idle, no sir, there are conventions and newsletters all over the country. In the near future there will be a Star Trek feature length movie because of the hordes of requests from viewers.

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For those of you who wish to go to a Trek convention there will be one in Boston April 16th through April 19th. If you get your tickets before February 18th the fee is \$10.00, after that it will be \$15.00. No requests after March 15th will be accepted. If you are interested send your check payable to Starangel Productions, LTD, Mail to: The Boston Star Trek Convention, P.O. Box 5086, Sunnyside, N.Y. 11104. I hope to see all of you there because it will be both interesting and fun, so, till then, keep on Trekking.

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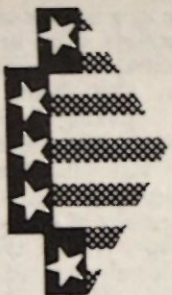
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Eventual Events reporter, Bob Larramie, interviews Brad Udall while camera man grinds out the footage. Udall was here last week stumping for his father's Presidential nomination. — Forumfoto



Political Beat

The Udall Platform

By CINDY NEWMAN

Morris K. Udall is running for President of the United States in 1976. One would think that anyone would have to be slightly crazy to want this job, especially in light of all the pessimism and backstabbing going on in Washington D.C. these days, not to mention the two previous attempts on our present President's life. However, Udall seems to be a concerned individual who feels he can cause a change for the better in our tumultuous country. His views are refreshing.

He feels we can beat inflation by placing price controls on key industries and by using the 50 billion dollars a year spent on unemployment to create jobs.

He wants to harness new sources of energy and break the strangle-hold of 'Big Oil' companies.

He thinks our tax system needs reforming; so the rich pay more and the ordinary citizen pays less.

He would like to create a national health insurance system, provide better opportunities for the aged and see the Equal Rights Amendment passed.

Perhaps best of all, he would work hard to make these ideas become reality. He wants to work for the people, not take advantage of them.

Udall's ideas seem idealistic and out of reach. And particularly at this time in our country's history, when we find it rather hard to trust in our political leaders, it is extremely difficult to believe anyone who makes such lavish promises. But, Mr. Udall, if you're telling the truth, America needs you.



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Profile—

Bob Cohen:

You can tell he's a backcourt man in tennis from the way he patrols the blackboard in his classroom, chalk in one hand eraser in the other, ready to return with quick resolution any question about the subject.

The subject is MAT 108 — Elementary Functions. The backcourt teacher is Bob Cohen, for many years a partner in Cohen Brothers, a Northampton retail specialty shop and now an assistant professor at Greenfield Community College.

Bob was born in Northampton and graduated from Northampton High in 1941. His wife, Ruth, teaches English at Northampton High.

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After high school, Bob enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania where World War II and the draft found him. The Army put him in engineering school, but when cannon fodder was needed in Europe, he was shipped out as private with the 106th Infantry Division. He fought in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany — and in the Battle of the Bulge.

The war over, he headed back to college receiving a degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1947. Then into the family business — the second generation to run the store.

Bob liked selling college fashions; he enjoyed being part of the Northampton business community, but he also liked math. Math for Bob is not just the totaling up of sums, the figuring out of scientific and technical problems. For Bob math has both a logic and an aesthetic, making it both functional and an art form.

He had been taking courses at the University of Massachusetts. And then, in 1966, he made the decision to give up business and become a teacher of math. He enrolled in the Smith College Master of Arts in Teaching program and took his degree in 1968. He had thought some of taking the degree in economics, but his undergraduate economics had become obsolete so math became his chosen field.

In 1968 he joined the faculty at Greenfield Community College to teach algebra, precalculus, calculus, and probability. He is low-keyed and casual in class but always on the mark and to the point. One of his students says Bob tries to connect the problem under discussion to some practical application in physics or chemistry. And he's all business in class — no digressions or excursions into football league standings or other worldly matters.

Math Anyone?

It's the hour for math, and math is what it will be.

He expects the students to learn for themselves. So he begins class with a discussion of the assignment.

"There's no smallest number and no largest number in this set," he says patrolling the backcourt in front of the blackboard. He writes down a wrong answer from a student and then with a swish of the eraser cleans that ball out of the backcourt so the correct solution can come from another student.

He is absorbed with the problem and talks constantly with the students who question and comment comfortably, informally, cheerfully. There is no intimidation from giving a wrong answer. The problem and its solution are the only things that matter. And the solution is to be a team effort.

While diagramming a problem, he mutters to himself that the 12 foot by 4 foot blackboard is too small, but the eraser clears that out of the backcourt too and he is off again.

He takes off his cardigan sweater; several students follow suit — getting down to real work. And finally: "Does that clear up the issues from the homework?"

Then on to the new problem: mathematical inequalities. How to deal with them? How to resolve them? And suddenly — only a few minutes after the class began, it seems — the hour is over. The assignment is given. One or two linger after class, then back to his office. Out comes the pipe; in come the students. And Bob Cohen is on to more math.

His students say he is demanding but fair; he pushes them, they say, but not out onto a limb. He doesn't expect the impossible. But he does expect the best possible effort.

Bob and Ruth Cohen live quietly in a new house in South Deerfield. Their family is grown; they have a new grandson, Nathan, and photographs come out to introduce him to visitors. A fire warms a sitting room off the kitchen and house plants show their response to human warmth.

Isaac Walton said that mathematics is like fishing: "It can never be fully learnt."

As he talks about his work, Bob Cohen seems truly awed and amazed by this wonderful subject of which he is both master and apprentice.

Saga Starts**Nutrition Program**

Menio Park, California — A program aimed at increasing the nutritional awareness of its customers is being implemented on a nationwide basis by Saga Food Service. The program is the first of its kind to be implemented on such a large scale by a food service management company. Saga operates the G.C.C. cafeteria.

The increasing interest in good nutrition prompted Saga to begin looking into ways to increase nutritional awareness a year ago.

According to John Sweet, vice president of administration, the company looked at a variety of programs in use and settled on modifying the program based on the Basic 4 Food Groups developed and used by the Dairy Council of California. "The specific goals of the program are: 1) to create awareness of the Basic 4 Food Groups — Milk, Meat, Vegetable-Fruit, Bread-Cereal, 2) to create awareness of what foods each group contains, 3) to create awareness of the minimum number of daily portions a person should eat from each group to maintain a nutritionally sound diet," says Sweet.

The program is being implemented in two stages. First, all Saga Food Service Directors are taking the seminar developed by the Dairy Council of California. Using audio-visual aids and programmed instruction, the teacher of the seminar instructs the Food Service Directors on the elements of sound nutrition as they relate to the Basic 4 Food Groups. Once they have finished the seminar, the Food Service Directors may implement the second part of the program aimed at their own customers in Saga's 3 Food Service Divisions: Education, Health Care, and Business and Industry.

This program consists of 12 colorful posters which are posted in a sequential way, one following the other. The theme of the program, "Making Good Nutrition Simple," is introduced in the first poster which lists the Basic 4 Food Groups. The next 4 posters list the contents of each of the 4 food groups, while the sixth poster states the number of daily portions one should take from each group to maintain a nutritionally sound diet.

People still in their teens should choose 4 portions a day from the Milk Group, 2 from the Meat Group, 4 from the Vegetable-Fruit Group, and 4 from the Bread-Cereal Group.

People 20 years and over need only 2 daily portions from the Milk Group while the portions from the other 3 groups remain the same.

The remaining posters reinforce this basic message. One of them deals with weight reduction, reminding people that if they take only the minimum required daily portions from each group, they will maintain a nutritionally sound diet while taking in only 1,200 calories a day, less than the average person burns daily.

Saga also has available a truly unique computer program giving the nutritional value of a single portion of each of the foods appearing on Saga menus. Saga is proud to be the leader in the industry in furnishing this type of information to its customers and clients. It shows the amount of each of the following essential nutrients and also shows the nutrients as the per cent of RDA's: calories, protein, fat, carbohydrates, calcium, phosphorus, iron, sodium, potassium, Vitamin A, thiamin,

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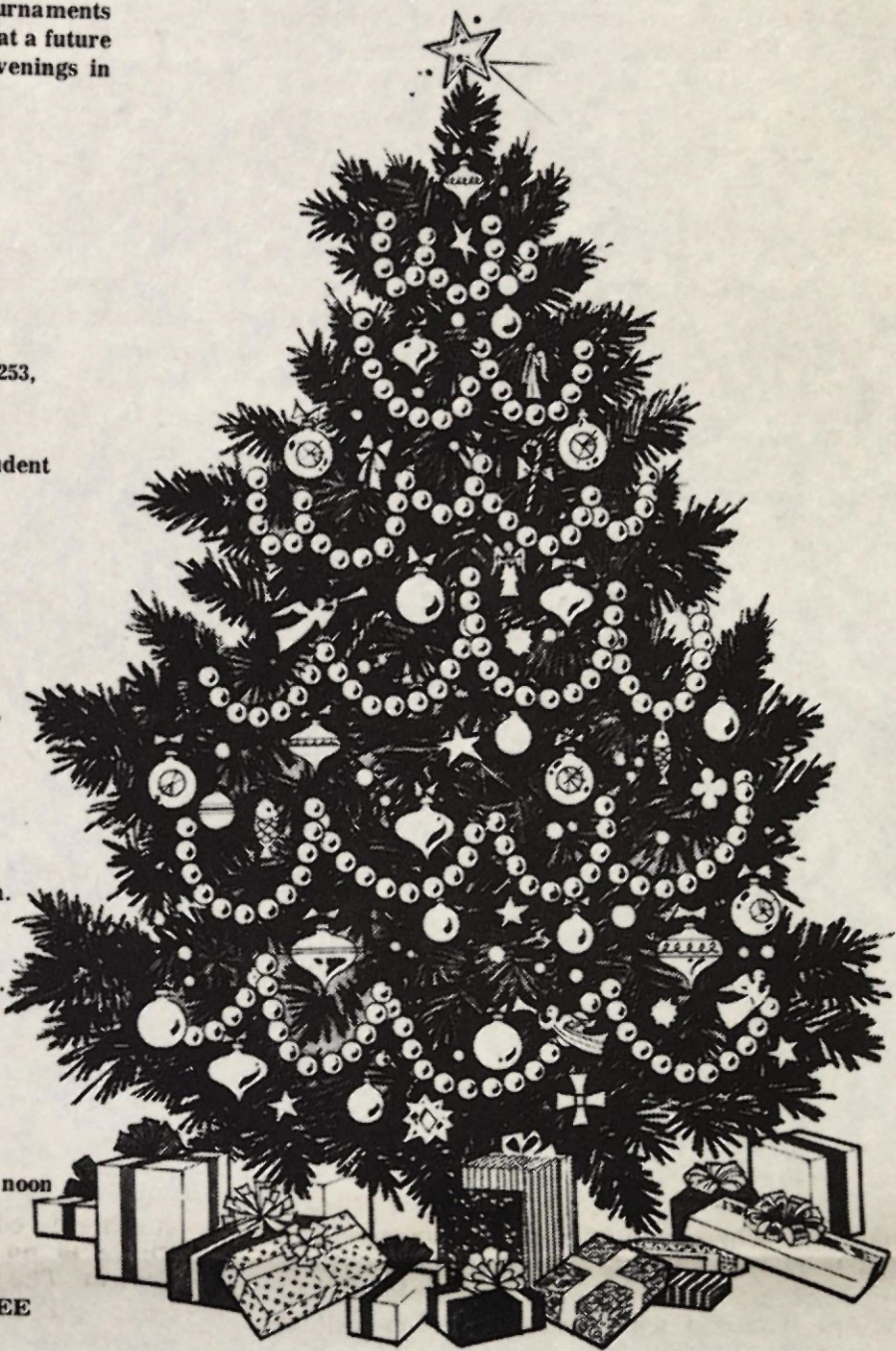
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Activities For Second Semester

The Student Activities Council has announced their activity program for the spring semester. Listed below are the major events such as the movies, coffee houses and dances. Mini-Tournaments and other spontaneous events to be scheduled for the spring semester shall be announced at a future date. Not all of the dances have a band scheduled yet, but there will be one for the evenings in question.

Admission fees will be the same as last semester unless announced differently.

Friday, February 6	Mixer, 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., Cafeteria
Wednesday, February 11	Night Film: "Dr. Strangelove" Lecture Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 19	Day Film: "Caine Mutiny", FSM N253, 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. FREE
Tuesday, February 24	Day Coffeehouse "Daryl Beard", Student Lounge, 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.
Friday, March 5	Dance featuring "Aces & Eights", Cafeteria, 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 10	Night Film "Lady Sings The Blues" Lecture Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 16	Concert: Chris Burke Dixieland Band, 2:00 p.m. S01
Thursday, March 18	Day Coffeehouse with "Islands" 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., Student Lounge
Tuesday, March 23	Day film: "Che", FSM N253, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., FSM N253 FREE
Friday, April 2	Dance, Cafeteria, 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Band To Be Announced
Wednesday, April 7	Night Film: "Last Picture Show", Lecture Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 29	Day Coffeehouse, Student Lounge, 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., Group To Be Announced
Tuesday, May 4	Day Films: "Charlie Chaplin Festival", FSM N253, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. FREE
Friday, Saturday & Sunday, May 14, 15 & 16	SPRING WEEKEND
Sunday, June 6	Commencement



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riboflavin, niacin, Vitamin C, and Vitamin D. Also shown are the amounts of saturated fats, polyunsaturated fats and cholesterol.

According to Sweet, nutrition is a dynamic subject with new things being learned about it every day. Because the subject is so complex, the Saga Nutritional Awareness program is aimed only at promoting basic awareness. "We don't pretend the program will make anyone an expert on nutrition," Sweet says, "nor are we naive enough to think we'll change eating habits overnight. But the program is a beginning; it's something that's been needed in the industry and we decided to do it."

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Despite Success Play Loses Money

By DON GERARDE

Well, Greenfield Community College's Drama Department does it again, a well-executed performance.

Headed by George Johnston and sometimes conducted by Mr. Johnson as he sat in the back of the auditorium and displayed a waving of hands, questions and commending certain parts of the performance.

With Morris Chase as Mike, Lonny Black as Sgt. Carlino, Sari Padgug as Suzy Hendrix and Alan Mussen as Henry Roat, Jr., all doing more than justice to their parts as they portray their character with a sense of smoothness and confidence.

Also appearing on stage was Stephanie Greenblatt as Gloria. Stephanie, who is the daughter of Saul Greenblatt (GCC faculty member) was very effective.

Mike Brule and Paul Talarico as the two policemen did a fine show. Dave Rogers was the lighting director and Sue Tuttle was assistant director and stage manager. Harry Roat, Jr., played by Alan Mussen, is a graduate of Salem State College and has also appeared in many other plays: Morat-Saile's "Butterflies Are Free" and "Cabaret". Alan was also assistant technical director of the Antioch Area Theatre and has written and directed a musical.

Sari Padgug, not only found it rewarding being the leading lady but saw how painful it was with multiple scratches and bruises along with Morris Chase and Alan Mussen after being chased all around the stage. The play seemed to roll very smoothly with a well-planned plot that leads you to the very last act where most of the action took place in total darkness, but with full awareness to the audience.

The amount of money taken in all four performances was about \$300 in which they had hoped to make \$500. The overall cost for the set was about \$1,000. The Drama Department has a budget of \$3,000 in which they must have two major performances, one in the fall and one in the spring. The master carpenter for the set was Morris Chase and set design by Mr. Johnston. Also, helping out with the play was Pearl Ewell and Brenda Ryan.

Union

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according to a publication of the Massachusetts Teacher Association.

MTA attorneys went to work at once to seek reinstatement of the faculty and any back pay due them.

This kind of arbitrary behavior can only be prevented by college administrations and the Board of Trustees through collective bargaining leading to solid contracts for community college faculty according to Timothy M. Fitzgerald, president of Massachusetts Community College Council.

Michael N. Kressy of Mount Wachusett had been dismissed for participating in union activities. MTA attorneys successfully defended him and won a decision preventing the administration and the state board from discriminating on the basis of union activities.

MTA filed an unfair labor practice charge against the state board and the college administration and defended Kressy before the State Labor Relations Commission. This past June, the SLRC found for Kressy and ordered him reinstated with all lost wages.

The board appealed the case to Superior Court on technical grounds, and MTA is continuing the defense. Basically, the board was found guilty of all counts, although it is appealing the case.

To date, the case has cost more than \$5,000. All fees have been and will continue to be borne by MTA regardless of the final amount.

MTA's ability to defend the rights of Massachusetts faculty whether through grievance and arbitration actions in court, is augmented by the National Education Associations (NEA) DuShane Emergency Fund, according to a MTA publication.

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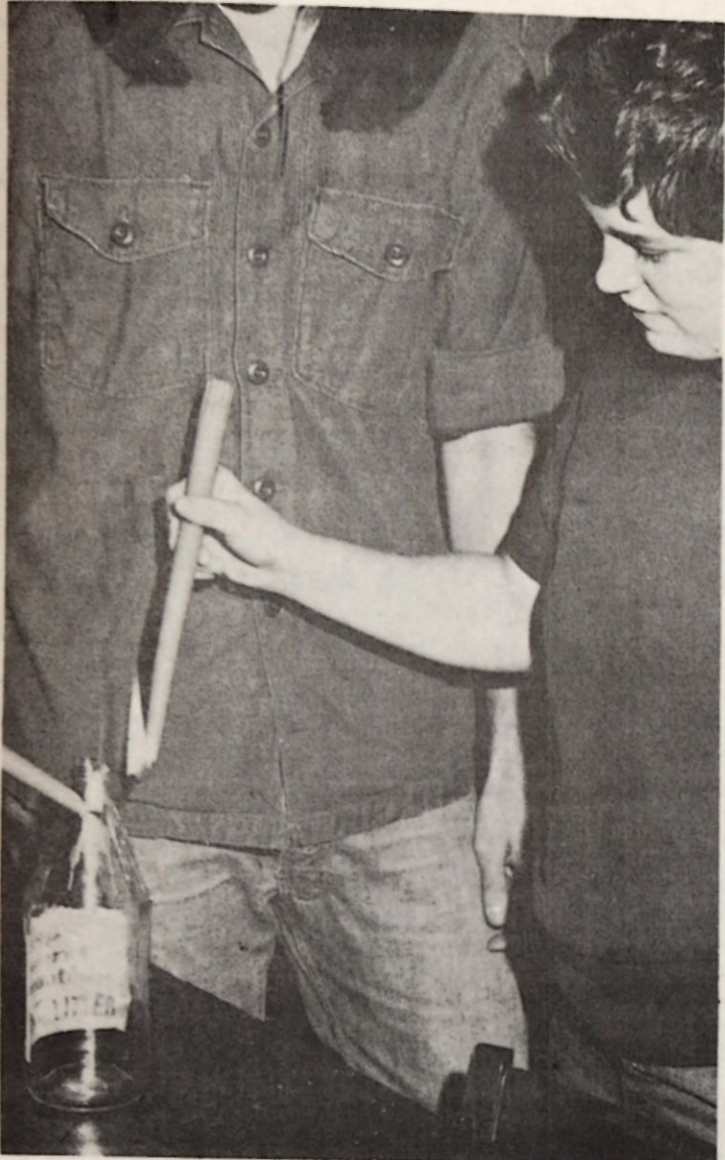


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Julie Brockelman helps a prisoner at the Franklin County jail with a drip wax bottle. — Forumfoto

Students Plan Yule Event

By MARGARET PRINGLE
Christmas and friendship go hand in hand. On Thursday, Dec. 18, the Greenfield Girl's Club is having a Christmas buddy party. Girls are invited to come with a friend to sing Christmas carols, play games, make crafts and enjoy refreshments. There will be two buddy parties, one from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. for girls in grades 1-3 and the other from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for girls in grades 4-6. All girls from the outreach programs are invited to come to the parties. There will be a twenty-five cent admission charge.

There are other special Christmas events at the Girl's Club this December. Gift Making Workshops are being held on Tuesday Dec. 16 from 3:15-4:30 and a Card Making Workshop is being offered on Wed. Dec. 17 from 3:15-4:30. The fee for each class is twenty-five cents.

All Girl's Club programs, including the Main Club, Outreach and Extension programs will close on Friday, Dec. 19 for renovations. Programs will resume the week of January 5, 1976. Registration for new January classes will be announced.



Middlesex Community College cheerleaders leap for joy as their team scores a point against the Barons. Why are there no cheerpersons for our team? — Forumfoto

Rec Students Run Jail Program

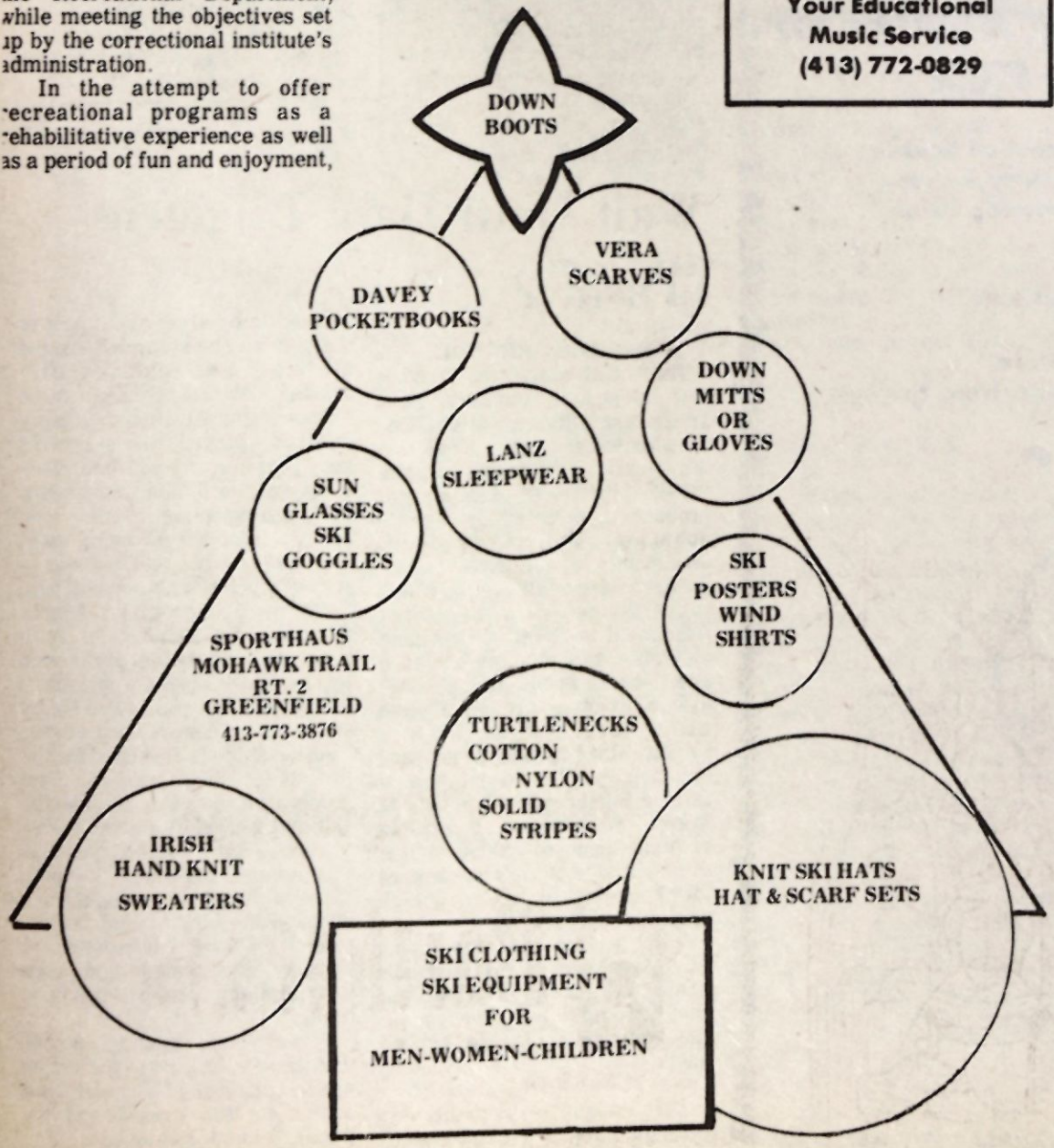
By KAREN PLUNKETT

A group of recreation majors from the Greenfield Community College, have been organizing and running a variety of recreation programs at the Franklin County House of Correction since the beginning of the fall semester. With the guidance of the faculty supervisor and the student coordinator Karen Plunkett, Karen Riddle, Julie Brockelman, Pat Murphy, and Chris Paterno plan programs which must meet the standards of quality and performance set up to the Recreational Department, while meeting the objectives set up by the correctional institute's administration.

In the attempt to offer recreational programs as a rehabilitative experience as well as a period of fun and enjoyment,

a mixture of physical activities and quiet, creative activities have been held. Up to this time, some of the programs have included Tuesday night basketball games which are between the inmates and the G.C.C. Women's Basketball Team and Men's Basketball Team, volleyball, whiffleball, crab soccer, creative writing, reverse glass painting, cribbage and chess tournaments, movie nights, and dances.

In the future the Recreation students hope to present a talent show and coffee house.



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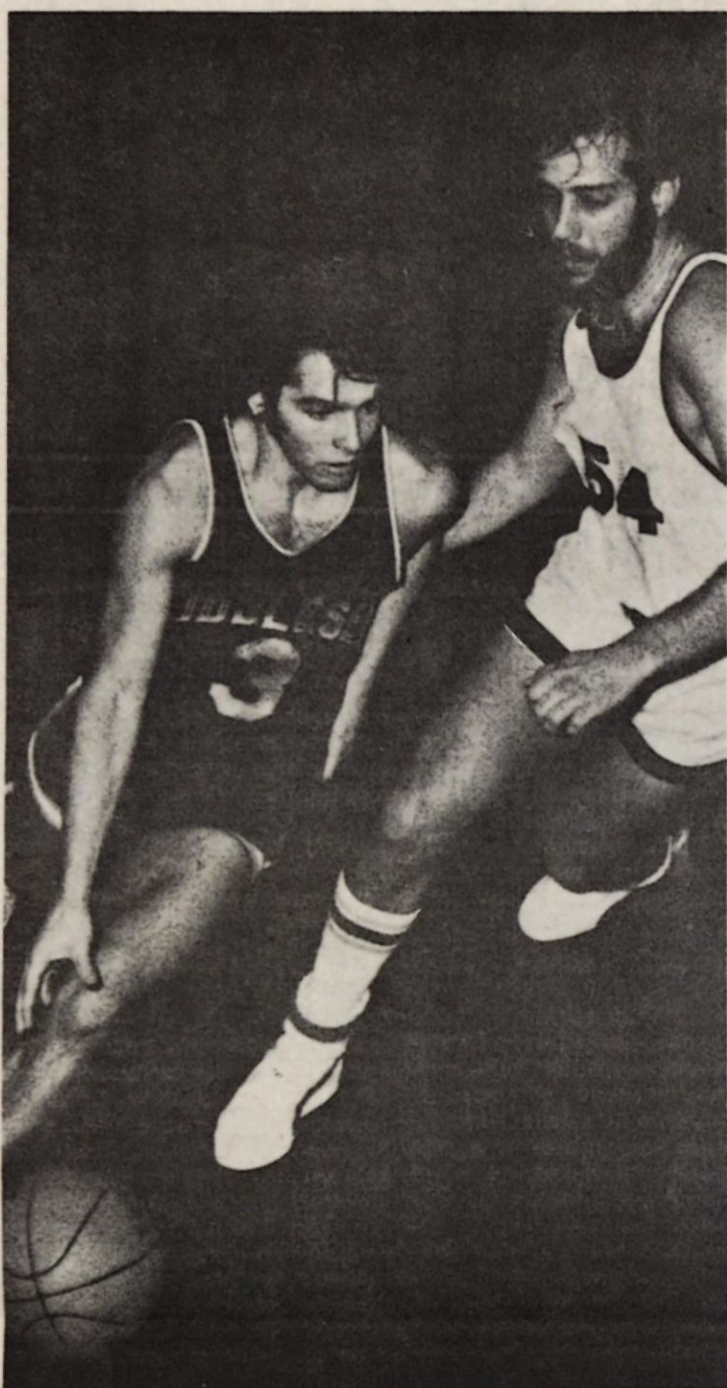
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Foul Trouble Holds Barons Back



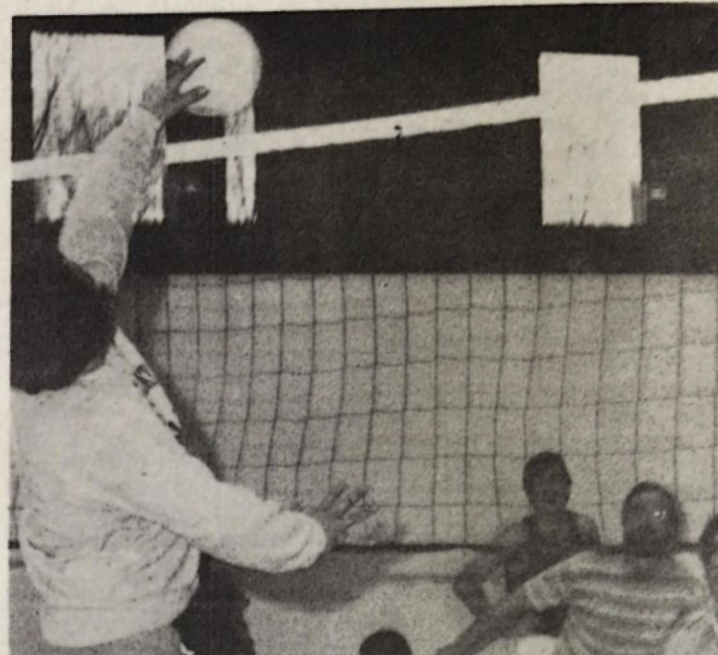
A Baron in hot pursuit of a Middlesex player Friday evening. Despite the effort the Barons dropped the game 84-81. — Forumfoto

November 24 the Greenfield Community College Basketball Team opened up its season with league rival Berkshire C.C.

After a close first half, with G.C.C. leading 39-36, Berkshire C.C. overcame the three points to win by four 79-75. The key to the B.C.C. success was the whistle of the referees as 49 fouls were called in a very physical contest. Scott Finch and Bob Robillard were in serious foul trouble most of the second half but both managed 22 and 16 points. Tetreault and Fisher combined for 20 points to round out the balanced scoring attack.

In the second league contest the Barons were again up at half time only to fall behind and lose 91-82 to Quinsigamond C.C. Scott Finch, Bob Robillard, and Rick Tetreault were the big guns for G.C.C. as they gained much needed playing experience in their second loss. The Red Barons were again the host team as they took their third loss 100-87 as Mt. Wachusett used a tenacious full court press. Down by 12 points at half-time 53-41, Mt. Wachusett kept the pressure on G.C.C. forcing G.C.C. to turn the ball over and giving them some easy points. Coach Larabee feels that this game was good experience for his new young team because of the full court press and player experience. Scott Finch added a game high 36 points as he scored mostly from the inside, Bob Robillard also added 10 points and Larry Fisher netting 8 for the Red Barons.

December 5 G.C.C. traveled to Holyoke C.C.C. for its fourth league game in ten days. They again fell victim to a poor defense and lost 87-83, as the Red Barons are averaging 79 points per game but allow 89 points to be scored against them. December 10 game against Springfield Tech. Community College has been forfeited and gives G.C.C. a 1-4 record, and only a December 13 game against Middlesex Community College will finish the schedule until January 3 when they travel to Worcester for a tournament.



Faculty member spikes a ball to put students further behind. — Forumfoto

Faculty Takes Volleyball Event

By GREG GERARDE

December 10 a volleyball game was held in the minigym between faculty and students.

As it turned out, the faculty led by Chris "Spike" James and Donna Hall won two of their games to take the volleyball championship. A good time was had by all as every point bought an enthusiastic yell from their teammates.

The faculty team made up of faculty, administration and maintenance people all helped their team to victory as they worked the ball forward to be spiked by their fierce front wall.

The first game had the students coming close only to lose to the faculty 15-12 on some good passing and serving. The fifteen students playing all took turns playing as they shouted words of encouragement to their teammates.

The second game also was very close but the more experienced faculty again won 15-10 as Fred Agnir and Henry Boucher of the faculty helped by passing and serving to victory.

The second game was closest as the students won by two — 15-13, catching on quickly to the game of volleyball.

Baronesses 2-1 Record

By GREG GERARDE

Friday, December 5, the women's basketball team traveled to Franklin Pierce College for the first game of the season.

As it turned out, the Baronesses overpowered Franklin Pierce 86-13 with Cheryl (Boron) Carey netting 39 points and playing her all-around best. Julie Brackelman also added some fine play as she poured in 16 points with Donna Tudryns 13 points to complete the rout.

On December 9 the G.C.C. ladies playing only their second game of the season, went to Mt. Holyoke and out hustled them from the first whistle 68-17.

With Cheryl (Boron) Carey leading the way with 28 points GCC ran their record to 2-0. Julie Brockelman added 16 and Donna Tudryn netted 12 to give the team a total of 154 points in two games allowing only 30 points per game.

December 10 the Red Baronesses took on Keene State at Keene, N.H. and lost 80-48 to run their record 2-1.

The next game for the Red Baronesses will be on January 8.

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Wait Until Dark Brightens Theater

By GREG GERARDE

The G.C.C. stage was thriving with talent and excitement as it again provided excellent entertainment for the student and the public. Frederick Knotts "Wait Until Dark" was the fall production, directed by George Johnston and acted very proficiently by the G.C.C. cast.

This suspenseful drama which takes place in a basement apartment in Greenwich Village and has with it murder, violence and some good acting. The drama revolves around a blind woman (Suzie) played very well by Sari Padgug and three very evil con men acted by Morris Chasse, Lonnie Black, and Al Mussen. With the con men trying to find a drug filled doll hidden somewhere in Suzie's apartment they each try and take advantage of her handicap.

With a fine combination of acting on everyone's part and some well done suspense, the play seemed to keep everyone in the audience on the edge of their seats.

Sari Padgug playing the very difficult part of a blind woman

seemed to be a very real part of the play as she stumbled around eluding one scheme after another. Morris Chasse (Mike Talman) and Al Mussen (Harry Root, Jr.) played their evil plans very real keeping you interested in every word and movement. The unsuspecting Suzie soon realizes that she is being used and has some plans of her own as she outwits the con-men with help from a little girl, Gloria (Stephanie Greenblatt). With each con-man being eliminated by the more clever and violent Harry Root, only Suzie and Harry are left to outsmart each other.

As the stage is darkened for the final scene, Suzie tries one final desperation attempt to hide the doll and get rid of Harry. Harry terrorizes Suzie but the cool Suzie escapes and kills Harry. The play closes with the police and Suzie's husband arriving to find her.

Another good contribution to the play is its designs and props with the stage crew setting a good scene.

These young talented people who acted each part to perfection again provided a nailbiting drama for the student and the public, I know I enjoyed it!